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SUBJECT: SARNITZ AND ROHOF LICENSES

FOR PATAWAY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL

REF: HATAWAY LETTER TO BARDACH, FEBRUARY 3.

1. EMBOFFS VISITED BOTH SARNITZ AND ROHOF FIRMS TO OUTLINE US POLICY ON MUNITIONS EXPORTS AND EMBARGO ON MUNITIONS SHIPMENTS TO SOUTH AFRICA. BOTH FIRMS ARE ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY SELLING TO AUSTRIAN MARKET. SARNITZ CALIMS FIRM HAS NOT SOLD TO SOUTH AFRICA AND WILL NOT DO SO. WE BELIEVE HIM AND RECOMMEND PENDING LICENSE APPLICATION BE PROCESSED FORTHWITH.

2. ERWIN ROHRBACKER OF ROFOF READILY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HIS SMALL WHOLESALE FIRM HAD ONCE, APPARENTLY EARLY IN 1975, TRANSSHIPPED UNKNOWN QUANTITY OF COLT WEAPONS TO SOUTH AFRICA AS PERSONAL FAVOR TO COLT'S EXPORT MANAGER. ROHRBACKER CLAIMS HE WAS UNAWARE OF EMBARGO RESTRICTIONS, IS NOT INVOLVED IN EXPORTING OR TRANSSHIPPING ARMS, AND ASSURED EMBOFFS HE WOULD NOT DO SO AGAIN. HE AWARE PENDING LICENSE APPLICATION HELD UP AND HIS STOCKS ARE VERY LOW. HE MAKES EXCELLENT IMPRESSION AND WE BELIEVE HIM. RECOMMEND PROMPT PROCESSING OF HIS LICENSE APPLICATION.

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